(b) if so, what is Government's stance in this regard; and

(c) the reason for the delay in implementing 1P1 project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No such communication has been received from Iran.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) Such multilateral projects involve protracted discussions, as all the aspects have to be carefully examined and deliberated upon to the satisfaction of the participating countries to protect each country's interests and to avoid any problems in the future in the successful operation of the project.

New discoveries by ONGC

2428. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has announced discoveries of four sites of crude oil and natural gas in the country;

(b) if so, whether three of the discoveries are on land and the fourth is offshore;

(c) whether the Board also cleared three major investments for growth oriented projects; and

(d) if so, to what extent oil and gas will be acquired from these wells?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) During the year 2007-08, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has made 28 crude oil and natural gas discoveries (13 New Prospect & 15 New Pools) in its onland and offshore operational areas. Out of the 13 new prospects discoveries, six are in on land and seven are in the eastern and western offshore areas of the country. In case of new pool discoveries, 13 are in the onland and two in the eastern offshore areas of the country.

(c) and (d) The ONGC Board has approved the following four growth oriented new field development projects:

1. C-series Field Development
2. B-22 cluster Fields Development
3. B-46 cluster Fields Development
4. B-193 cluster Fields Development

Details of these projects and the amount of envisaged oil and gas production from these projects are as under:

SI. No.	Name	Approved cost (Rs. Cr.)	Expected oil & gas production
1.	C-Series Fields Development	3195.16	6.13 MMm3 of condensate and 15.14 BCM gas by the year 2023-24.
2	B-22 cluster Fields Development	2323.40	2.46 MMT of oil 1.13 MMT of condensate and 6.56 BCM gas by the year 2019-20.
3.	B-46 cluster Fields Development	1436.21	1.483 MMm3 of condensate and 4.48 CBM gas by the year 2021-22.
4.	B-193 cluster Fields Development	3248.78	5.57 MMT of oil, 0.75 MMT of condensate and 5.12 BCM gas by the year 2023-24.